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Sexual misconduct charges lead to license suspension of massage practitioner

OLYMPIA — A charge of sexual misconduct with a patient leads state health officials to immediately suspend the license of a King County-area massage practitioner. Matthew E. Usher (MA00022609) cannot practice massage in Washington until the charges are resolved.

During a massage treatment, Usher allegedly reached under the draping and touched a patient's breast. Usher has been criminally charged in King County Superior Court with indecent liberties.

Usher has 20 days to respond to the charges against his license and to request a hearing.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#) or copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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